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The Honorable William F. Knowland
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Thank you very much for the material enclosed in your letter of 29 January 1958 which is being returned. Our evaluation of the material is that, while it has some limited basis in scientific fact, it is primarily of the popular science nature bordering on science fiction.

The data provided by Professor Ghelfand's sources indicate a knowledge of some scientific terminology and a limited knowledge of some theoretically possible scientific applications. For example, the concept of artificial satellites as a "station" for waging future wars is well known and is under study by various countries.

In conclusion, the scientific information presented in the report is not convincing. It appears to have been assembled from readily available news sources on Soviet science into a form intended to deceive the lay reader into believing that it has a good scientific basis.

The above is provided for your information and whatever assistance it might be to you. However, I would prefer under the circumstances that the evaluation not be attributed to the Agency.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Enclosure

cc: DCI

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Legislative Counsel w/Ansic

Allen W. Dulles

Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

The attached letter for your signature to Senator Knowland contains an evaluation of certain material he forwarded to us. The proposed reply is based on information provided by OSI. I have included a request in the letter that the evaluation not be attributed to the Agency.

Recommend signature



Legislative Counsel

13 February 1958
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